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(*c*) Rs. 726–12–0. The amount could not be spent as the estimate in respect of one work was submitted to the Collector late and was sanctioned at the fag end of the year.

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : There are many tanks which require renovation in the estate villages taken over by the Government. Many works are dropped because they are found to be unremunerative after investigation. Udayarpalayam taluk being a backward area, the Government should see that the amount set apart for minor irrigation works in that area is spent on developing that area and not go by the remunerative or unremunerative nature of the works. So will the Government consider the desirability of so revising their policy in respect of minor irrigation works in backward areas as to permit the undertaking of works irrespective of whether they are remunerative or not?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : I think the hon. Member is aware that much arrear is left by the zamindars in the matter of repair of tanks. Now the Government are taking steps to repair the tanks, but it will take some time to repair all the tanks. Great stress is now laid on minor irrigation works and much money is allotted for them.

SRI C. KANDASAMY : எஸ்டேட் கிராமங்களில் சிறிய நீர்ப்பாசனத் திட்டங்களுக்காக ஒதுக்கப்பட்ட ரூ. 726–12–0 செலவழிக்கப்படவில்லை என்று சொல்லப்பட்டது. ரயத்துவாரி கிராமங்களுக்கு ஒதுக்கப்பட்ட தொகை பூராவாக செலவழிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறதா ? செலவழிக்கப்படாவிட்டால் எவ்வளவு மீதம் இருந்தது ?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : I have referred only to the amount not spent out of the amount earmarked for the villages taken over by the Government in Udayarpalayam taluk. I have not mentioned about other places and it has to be taken that there the money has been spent.

Age-exemptions for promotion as District Registrar.

* 2403 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether exemption from the upper age-limit was granted to any Sub-Registrar promoted as District Registrar in 1954–55 ; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Translation work of the Oriental Research Institute, Chepauk.

* 2404 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the manuscript of an astrological work by name 'Sugarnadi' has been translated into Tamil by the Oriental Research Institute, Chepauk, Madras; and